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Dear Ms. Deck:

The Jefferson County Department of Health and Environment (JCDHE), has reviewed the proposed Closure Plan for the New Sanitary Landfill (NSL) at the Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site, dated January 28, 2002, as submitted by the U.S. Department of Energy and Kaiser-Hill Company, LLC. We feel that this plan, implemented as proposed, will not pose a threat to human health or to the environment. However, the general nature of the closure plan in its description of specific work activity and construction details, does leave some concerns.

Our primary concern is that restoration of the NSL site should be conducted in such a manner as to restore the effected area, to an extent that is reasonable and practicable, to near original conditions. Abandonment of certain materials in place will affect the pre-existing hydrologic conditions of the site. The closure plan should recognize and address the effected hydrologic conditions as identified in comments provided by Darrell Dearborn, Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment (CDPHE), via email correspondence dated February 4, 2002. JCDHE concurs with those comments.

The JCDHE does not feel that a public hearing process is necessary with regard to the protection of public health and the environment. It goes without saying, however, that all closure activities will be conducted in such a manner as to pass public scrutiny.

Respectfully submitted,

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